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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re application of

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Examiner: Hoa T. LE

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For: MESOPOROUS INORGANIC MATERIALS HAVING CONTROLLED-RELEASE ON-OFF CONTROL FUNCTION, PRODUCTION METHOD THEREOF AND METHOD USING SAME

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111

MAIL STOP AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 24, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.

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Therefore, even if there might be motivation to combine the cited references, the combination still would not result in the present invention wherein the functional groups are present at the entrances of and not within the pores.

In view of the foregoing reasons, Applicants respectfully submit that the present claims are not obvious over the Fowler or Asefa article, and further in view of WO '357 and that the rejection should be withdrawn.

IV. Conclusion

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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